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**BORDER SECURITY ACTIVITY, INNER
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ABSTRACT

1. Border security activity in the Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region of the Peking Military Region has increased significantly over the past two- and one-half years. Improved border security posts, major unit support bases, and underground communications cables have been constructed.
2. This report includes a table, a map, three photographs, and textual information depicting the current status of this activity.

INTRODUCTION

3. Inner Mongolia forms the northern border of the Peking Military Region, north-central China. Border security activity designed to provide early warning of an enemy ground attack from the north has increased in Inner Mongolia since early 1972. In the last two and one-half years the number of border security posts has increased from 19 to 39. The outposts constructed prior to 1972 have recently been upgraded to permanent facilities. Three major unit support bases have also been established near the border. Probable underground communications cable connects all three support bases with outposts near the border. This is the first observation of a major effort to connect border security outposts along the Sino-Soviet border with underground communications cable. Additionally, armored personnel carriers have been moved to within 30 nautical miles (nm) of the border at two locations. This combination of events greatly increases the Chinese early-warning capability across Inner Mongolia, one of the major avenues of approach to the Chinese capital and major industrial centers.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

4. Thirty-nine border security posts have been identified in Inner Mongolia along the border between China and the Republic of Mongolia (Table 1, Figure 1). Twenty of the outposts have been newly identified since February 1972. All of the new outposts have permanent buildings as opposed to tents which were frequently observed at the early established outposts. The support areas of all but two of the earlier established outposts have also been improved and now contain permanent buildings.

5. The border security posts are from 500 feet to 15 nm from the border. Each outpost is occupied by a squad/platoon-sized unit and consists of an observation area and a support area (Figure 2). The observation area is normally on high terrain and consists of an observation tower, post, or bunker surrounded by personnel trenches and small-arms firing positions. The support area normally consists of one or two barracks, a messhall/administration building, and one to four support buildings.

6. Three army barracks were constructed near the border to support the increased number of border security posts. Saytar Bugay Army Barracks AL 1, Pang-pei Army Barracks Southeast AL 1, and Pa-kou Army Barracks AL 1 were established as major unit border security support bases (Figure 1). Since Saytar Bugay was identified in early 1972, additional barracks, storage buildings, and an underground cable communications facility have been constructed (Figure 3). The installation is now occupied by a probable border security battalion. In late 1972, four M-1967 armored personnel carriers were identified at the facility. Construction on the Pang-pei barracks area began in early 1973. The barracks area has not been occupied by tactical forces to date. However, the installation will be the largest of the border security support bases and will be capable of housing at least a regiment-sized unit (Figure 4). The third support base, Pa-kou barracks, was identified in 1970. Construction of additional barracks in late 1972 and 1973 increased the size of the installation to a regimental barracks area. Three Chinese armored personnel carriers were first identified at the installation in October 1973.

7. Construction of underground cable communications between the border security posts in Inner Mongolia has been under way since 1972. To date, 410 nm of probable buried cable and 33 miles of cable trench construction have been identified. In most cases the cable is used to connect two or more border security posts into a single net. However, all three support bases are connected by cable to the nearby outposts, and in northeastern Inner Mongolia an outpost is connected by cable to a town approximately 50 nm from the border.



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Table 1. Border Security Posts and Major Unit Support Bases in Inner Mongolia, China

Name		Coordinates	
<u>Border Security Posts</u>			
1	Nobon Sume Border Sec Post	46-31-30N	118-48-00E
2	Lo-hei-su-mu Bdr Scty Post N	46-37-05N	118-41-59E
3	Shine Sume Bdr Scty Post N	46-31-00N	117-55-00E
4	Pa-lun-po-lun Bdr Scty Post 2	46-16-00N	117-23-00E
5	Pa-lun-po-lun Bdr Scty Post 1	46-15-40N	116-44-50E
6	Hashaata Bdr Scty Post West	45-58-00N	116-31-00E
7	Hashaata Bdr Sec Post SW	45-51-00N	116-28-50E
8	Tung-wu-chu-mu-chin-chi Border Post N	45-43-00N	116-19-00E
9	Tung-wu-chu-mu-chin-chi Border Post	45-42-00N	116-18-00E
10	Ta-pu-su-miao Bdr Scty Post West	45-18-30N	115-30-10E
11	A-la-ching Bdr Sec Post SE	45-14-35N	115-00-30E
12	A-la-ching Border Sec Post	45-21-00N	114-51-00E
13	A-la-ching Bdr Sec Post S	45-16-00N	114-49-15E
14	Hsi-lin-no-erh Border Sec Post	45-03-00N	114-25-30E
15	A-pa-kai-o-la Bdr Sec Post N	44-55-00N	114-30-30E
16	Su-ni-te-tso-chi Border Security Post	44-30-00N	113-43-00E
17	Man-chu-ko-miao Border Sec Post	44-40-45N	113-06-10E
18	Tsun-su-chih Bdr Sec Post	44-40-20N	112-50-30E
19	Ha-la-tun Border Sec Post	44-50-00N	112-17-00E
20	Ha-la-tun Bdr Sec Post NW	45-03-00N	112-01-00E
21	Ha-la-tun Bdr Sec Post NW 2	44-53-00N	111-51-30E
22	Saytar Bugay Border Sec Post NW 2	44-37-20N	111-40-15E
23	Saytar Bugay Border Sec Post	44-26-00N	111-41-00E
24	Saytar Bugay Bdr Sec Post West	44-15-30N	111-42-10E
25	Saytar Bugay Border Sec Post	43-59-10N	112-02-40E
26	Pang-pei Bdr Scty Post Ha-sha	43-53-50N	112-01-20E
27	Erh-lien Border Security Post	43-40-40N	111-56-40E
28	Erh-lien Bdr Sec Post SW 2	43-24-15N	111-25-00E
29	Erh-lien Border Sec Post SW	43-20-00N	111-28-00E
30	Han-tsagaan-shara Bdr Sec Post	43-03-50N	110-57-10E
31	Hushu-sume Bdr Sec Post	42-57-05N	110-44-15E
32	O-lun Border Sec Post 1	42-56-30N	110-53-30E
33	Mandaliin Sume Bdr Scty Post 2	42-40-30N	110-21-25E
34	O-lun Border Sec Post 2	42-32-15N	110-11-00E
35	Cha-han-ha-ta-miao Bdr Scty Post	42-34-45N	109-33-20E
36	Chia-men-hu-tu-ku Bdr Sec Post E	42-26-15N	109-03-25E
37	Chia-men-hu-tu-ku Bdr Sec Post	42-23-40N	108-50-15E
38	Baitan Bdr Sec Post	42-26-04N	108-11-21E
39	Hei-pai Bdr Sec Post	42-17-14N	107-40-18E
<u>Major Unit Support Bases</u>			
40	Saytar Bugay Army Bks AL 1	44-18-30N	112-05-00E
41	Pang-pei Army Bks SE AL 1	43-27-43N	112-08-38E
42	Pa-kou Army Bks AL 1	41-53-35N	108-13-30E

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